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The reply brief filed 3/24/04 has been entered and considered. The application will be forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 5/26/04 was filed after the mailing date of the final office action on 1/3/03. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner. A copy of the IDS indicating full consideration thereof is enclosed with this notice.

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